

Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

The purpose of the present amendment is to place the application in condition for allowance, considering the Examiner's comments concerning allowable subject matter on page 6 of the Office Action.

Thus, as suggested by the Examiner, claims 1-8 have been cancelled; the subject matter of claim 11 has been incorporated into claim 9; and claim 9 has been further amended to recite "and setting or changing a production condition for the glass article on the basis of the measured volume ratio" (based on the disclosure at page 21, lines 12-15 of the specification).

Claims 10 and 12 have been amended to make editorial changes, in order to place these claims in more conventional form according to U.S. practice.

In view of the foregoing amendments, the objection to claim 7, as well as the prior art rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and both of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections have been rendered moot.

Thus, the application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is solicited.

Substance of Interview

The Interview Summary form mailed February 23, 2010 refers to an interview with the Examiner on February 5, 2010 (actually it was February 11, 2010), but for purposes of clarification, Applicants' attorney notes that the telephone discussion with the Examiner did not include any of the information set forth in the first two paragraphs on the Continuation Sheet of the Interview Summary form. The Examiner merely indicated that he had suggestions for amending the claims to place the application in condition for allowance, and that he would issue an Office Action including those suggestions. Applicants appreciate the Examiner having set

forth those suggestions in the current Office Action, which as indicated above, have now been adopted in amending the claims.

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